

West Hagbourne Parish Council



Minutes of West Hagbourne Parish Council Meeting

held at Hagbourne Village Hall on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllrs M. Butler, V. Brownsword, H. Lewis, M. Telford, O. Doogue, Mr. A. Wise (Clerk), Margaret Leishman, David Totterdell, Mr and Mrs Lay.

	MB opened the meeting at 19:30 hrs.	
17/161 Apologies	Cllrs. J Murphy and S. Clarke	
17/162 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
17/163 Report on OCC and SODC activities	<u>OCC Report</u> – None Received <u>SODC Report</u> – None Received	
17/164 Hear representations from members of the public	<p>David Totterdell raised the following 3 points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Broadband Update – HL updated the meeting with the news that although BT Openreach had finished installing the cabinet in the village there fibre was not yet connected. This has been delayed to late November with final connection due early in the New Year. Issue of large lorries driving through the village Volume of traffic driving through the village <p>MB explained that both issues will be resolved by the implementation of the traffic calming measures in Main Street later in the year. This will involve narrowing the road by implementing a raised footpath and road signs. Chair to chase OCC Highways contact for an update on when the works will commence.</p> <p>Margaret Leishman raised the issue of grass dumping in Moor Lane. Chair to write about this issue in the next issue of the newsletter.</p>	<p>MB</p> <p>MB</p>
17/165 Approve the minutes of the meeting of 05.07.2017	It was proposed by MB, seconded MT, that the minutes be signed as a true record. Carried nem con.	
17/166 Consider matters, not taken elsewhere, arising from the minutes of the meeting of 05.07.2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All action items had been completed. 	
17/167 Receive reports from Parish Councillors and the Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
17/168 Financial matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of payments. It was proposed MB, seconded HL and carried nem con that the following invoices be paid: Parish Clerk's wages, expenses, PAYE, Village Hall and Grass Cutting x 2 Current financial situation. AW presented the current financial situation – attachments 2 & 3. 	

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17/169 Planning since the meeting of 05.07.2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW presented the current planning application situation – attachment 4 • Chair reported that he replied to SODC Planning Scoping Document on Taylor Wimpey’s proposed plans to build 1000 homes between GWP and the village as an individual. As a result, a journalist from the Didcot Herald contacted him for a quote which made that week’s paper. • Chair also responded to the proposed Gatesby and Greenlights 74 house Developments as an individual as in all 3 cases the Parish Council has not yet been formally asked for an opinion on the proposed developments. • The Parish Council unanimously decided that they will instruct the Clerk to respond with REFUSE for all 3 proposed developments when asked by SODC Planning Department for an opinion. 	
17/170 Highways and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VB reported that both herself and Terry attended the latest DVTG Meeting. The highlight was the update from Thames Travel that they 94 bus service now has an extension to March 2018. • VB to write an article for the newsletter encouraging people to use the 94-bus service as much as possible between now and March 2018 when the service is next up for review. 	VB
17/171 Risk assessment	MB signed off appropriate parts on the current Risk Assessment Checklist. - attachment 5	
17/172 Chairman’s Report for Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman to draft a report for the next edition of the village newsletter which is due at the end of September 2017, to include update on S.106 money being spent on traffic calming measures in the village later in the year, grass dumping in the village and a volunteer to co-ordinate a campaign against all proposed housing developments which will have significant impact on traffic through the village. 	
17/173 Respond to Communications as the Chairman may direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk received the following email from Janice Wright: Dear Mr. Wise The speed of the increasing amounts of traffic in West Hagbourne is dangerous. With 3 blind bends; a narrow single lane road (with no priority); and no pavement for part of Main Road: I cannot understand why the speed limit through the village is not limited to 20mph. The Council minutes’ state that money has allocated for "traffic calming measures". What measures are being considered and when are they going to be put in place? Yours sincerely Mrs. Janice Wright, Orchard House, Main Street, West Hagbourne Chair replied as follows: Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department will be installing some measures, we believe in about October. These will make it clear that the stretch of road from the pond to about the entrance to Orchard House is single track, by the building of a raised footpath along Green Thatch, signage and give way road markings where traffic will wait. So far there will be no priority direction but this 	

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	<p>may change. The possibility of a 20 mph limit was discussed but was not thought appropriate by Highways.</p> <p>Michael Butler Chairman West Hagbourne Parish Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clerk received the following email from Sheila Taylor: <p>Dear Andrew</p> <p>When I recently mentioned the state of our street furniture, Michael Butler suggested that I put it in writing to you as clerk of the Parish Council. I am writing this as previous secretary of the now inactive Village History Group. Some years ago, the History Group shared the considerable cost of a new village map board with the Parish Council. The map was designed and produced by History Group member Mary Ann le May. The map is now in a poor condition and Mary Ann has kindly offered to produce a new, up-dated one funded by the History Group. Unfortunately, one of the reasons the map has deteriorated so badly is that the 'door' has become warped and ill-fitting and damp air has got inside the cabinet affecting the paper and causing the fixing pins to rust. This needs to be mended before the map is replaced. The wooden frame also needs treating and restoring. The condition of the memorial seat in front of the garden next to the bus shelter has also deteriorated, as has the seat round the chestnut tree. The wood in both cases is starting to weather and rot in places. In the past, village volunteers have often repaired and reconditioned these seats but sadly they are no longer with us. The area around the war memorial/bus shelter is the heart of our village and has always looked attractive, especially since the garden has been looked after by volunteers and the phone box has been restored by a team of villagers. Visitors enjoy the village, especially when the dragons are displayed. It would be a pity to allow these village assets to fall into complete disrepair.</p> <p>Clerk to respond to the email by stating that the following 2 actions have been agreed by the PC:</p> <p>Chair to speak to local carpenter to ask him to both inspect and then if necessary provide a quote on either repairing or building both a new memorial seat and a new seat around the chestnut tree</p> <p>Clerk to contact Noticeboard Suppliers for some quotes if deemed that the current noticeboard can't be repaired by a local carpenter or builder.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>MB</p> <p>AW</p>
<p>17/174 Attend to any other business at the Chairman's discretion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair to speak to OCC Highways about repairing broken sign on Hagbourne Hill as you approach the village that is currently pointing the direction to Didcot incorrectly that is causing people to think the direction is to go through the village to get to Didcot. 	<p>MB</p>
<p>17/175 Date of next meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday 1st November 2017 	
<p>17/176 Meeting Closed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MB declared the meeting closed at 21:00 hrs. 	

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Signed:

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Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. Financial Statements
3. Expenditure against Budget 2017-2018
4. Planning Applications
5. Risk Assessment